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CHAPTER X—Continued

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"It's about that man your mother wanted you to marry?" Ellen suggested, after awhile, her arm still about Lizzie's shoulders. The girl nodded without looking up. "And Lizzie, should you marry him?" Ellen ventured.

"I love him!" Lizzie answered, in a choked and angry voice, after a shamed pause.

"You love him—You poor child! And he wants to marry you?"

"He says he will." Lizzie had writhed about so that her back was almost turned to Ellen, who had to bend forward to catch a glimpse of the flushed face and inflamed eyes.

"And don't you think you would be happier?" Ellen pursued sweetly, "don't you think you would be happier, if he loves you, and you—"

"He don't love me," Lizzie interrupted sullenly.

"But you said—"

"I said he'd marry me!"

The blood came to Ellen's face, and she sat back, feeling a little sick. She had read of the old tragedy a thousand times, but how much more poignant was this first encounter with it, this sickening realization of what it means to the woman to sue! She had loved, and she had given, and now it was his royal prerogative to lift her up, and make her "honest" or to drive her to self-murder. Ah, life was hard enough for the Ellens, who keep a man's respect, but lose his love. But for the Lizzies!—

"Lizzie," she asked timidly. "Are you—you're not—?"

Lizzie had dried her swollen eyes, and their misery was turned toward Ellen.

"No, ma'am," she answered, with returning self-control, "if there was a baby coming, I'd marry him tomorrow. But he—he's a good man, Mrs. Josselyn, and he'd never be anything but shamed and kept down by a girl like me. And we done what we done like children might do, something wrong."

poor Lizzie added, with her eyes brimming again, "and all the time he was in love with another lady—I knew he was, but he didn't know himself how he had come to think about her—and so when we—when we said we wouldn't see each other no more, I thought that it was all over and done with—except for the way I felt. But—but my guess is, and she was awful mean to me," the girl said simply, "and nothing ever seemed right again, I didn't want to go with any of the other boys, and I kep' feeling what if I should marry some day, and have a little girl!"

She began to cry again softly. Ellen, whose face had grown ashen, sat staring at her blindly. Her heart was pounding; her brain in a whirl. She had heard those terms before—Lizzie had been Aunt Elsie's maid through an illness last winter—

"When was this, Lizzie?" she asked, clearing her throat.

"Last winter, Mrs. Josselyn."

"Look at me," Ellen said, after a pause. "Look at me, Lizzie. Was it Joe? Was it Mr. Lathrop?"

She saw the answer in Lizzie's eyes before the girl said quickly:

"No, ma'am! Oh, no, ma'am!"

Ellen could smile sadly as she shook her head.

"He told me about it, Lizzie. He told me all about it, but he didn't say it was you. I'm so sorry. I'm so desperately sorry. You—you do love him?"

"Oh, my G—d, how could I help it?"

the girl answered, with sudden violence. "I had never worked before, Mrs. Josselyn, and at home it was trouble—trouble—trouble! My father drinks and my sister's husband drinks—I've seen him hit her a few days before her children come! And your aunt was so good to me, and the captain treated me like I was his granddaughter, and everything was so pleasant and warm. And Joe always anxious for me to get enough to eat, and helping me with kindling and all, and one night tying up my finger when I'd cut it, and sometimes he'd kiss me, you know, and tell me I looked nice! And then one night he wasn't coming home, and the captain wanted some tobacco, and I run up street for it, after supper, and when I come back my feet were all sooping, and after I'd undressed, I come down in a wrap, to get warm!"

Ellen could see the old Main street house. Her eyes were shining.

"I've done that a thousand times!" she said, half-aloud.

"And Joe come in," pursued Lizzie, "it was after nine, but he hadn't had his supper. And him and me went out and got something to eat!"

Her voice fell. Ellen did not speak.

"He's going to marry Miss Lathrop," Lizzie said presently. "But that can't stop me loving him, and remembering how he'd laugh when he was building the breakfast fire—and how I felt about him! I thought then we might get married, although I always knew it wouldn't be right for Joe—and she's rich, and all that, and—of course he loves her!"

She stopped speaking, strong drowsily ahead of her. Ellen was silent, too. But she kept one warm friendly little light over Lizzie's hand, and in her troubled face there was no hint of reproach.

"You say he loves her," she said,

and building Tommy such a tower as never had gladdened his eyes before, and went downstairs to the study. Her father-in-law was alone there, dreaming over a fire and a book, and smiled as she came in. Lillian had gone off with Mabel Pindexter for dinner, he explained, and would be there all night. Ellen, seating herself, seemed to feel a certain lightening in the atmosphere with Lillian's departure. Presently Gibbs came in, silent and gloomy, to find them having tea. He declined Ellen's brief, civil offer with equal brevity and cold civility. He answered his father's questions, delivered dryly, with patient monosyllables, and followed his wife upstairs to make himself presentable for the informal dinner.

In their room, Ellen nervously broached the subject of Lizzie. He was surprised, but his comments amazed her with their mildness, and he brought a pang of strange, unfamiliar pleasure to her heart by his final summary:

"I think you did right. Joe's not the first man who has made a fool of himself, but they may hit it off, after all. She's just as apt to make him a good wife as that empty-headed little Harriet. I respect him for doing it."

Ellen, sitting at her dressing table, thoughtfully, after awhile. "I think he does, too, in a way. But he has been most unhappy about this Lizzie; I've seen it, only I didn't understand. He has been worried and uncertain, we've all been wondering what was on his mind. And I didn't understand. I thought it was some reckless girl—I suppose it's always this way. Only I never thought of you, Lizzie, so quiet and good and unselfish—no, don't begin to cry again. I didn't mean that unkindly. I blame myself—I blame myself."

Thus Ellen, reaching for some guiding principle through all these mazes. "Well! Some one will come in and find us here," she said, with sudden decision. "Go upstairs and bathe your eyes, Lizzie, and get Tommy ready for lunch. And don't worry, I'm going to think it all out!"

Consoled, the girl escaped, and Ellen ate her lunch in thoughtful mood, and afterward walked with Tommy to the station a mile away. She said nothing to any one at the house, but when they were on the road she told Tommy that they were going to meet Uncle Joe.

"How 'k' now he was comin'?" Tommy demanded.

"I telephoned him, dear," Ellen was excited; she trotted Tom's small legs along in a spirited fashion. Joe, descending from the train, complimented them upon their cheeks.

"Of course you don't understand," Ellen echoed his greeting as she kissed him. "But I'll explain, Joe. I didn't bring the car because I want to talk to you, by myself. Trot ahead there, Tom. It's about Lizzie, Joe."

His honest, kind eyes flew to hers consciously.

"She told you?"

"She was going to kill herself, Joe." He walked along at her side for ten paces without speaking.

"My G—d—my G—d!" he said then, under his breath. And, after another silence, he said, suddenly and firmly: "I'm sorry, Ellen. I know how you and Gibbs will feel. But I can't stand it any longer. Perhaps other men can do it; I can't. I'm going away—get a job somewhere—and she's going with me. It's the only way, for me. She's a better woman than I am a man, because she gave herself where she loved; I thought I'd cut everything, and get out for a while, but now I see that this is the way out. I'll go and I'll take Lizzie. We'll go now. I'll make it up to Lizzie, somehow!"

"Oh, Joe, I love you!" Ellen said, tears and laughter in her voice. "I think that's the only way out! I know that you'll be glad some day."

Half an hour later she sent Lizzie out to the gate on some pretext, and Lizzie did not come back for almost two hours. When she did come, Ellen was playing with Tommy, and Tommy's stone blocks, on the nursery table.

"Mrs. Josselyn," Lizzie said, coming close to her, and laying one hand on Ellen's arm, "I hope God will make up to you what you done for me. I don't deserve you should treat me like this—but I'll never forget it!" Mrs. Josselyn, we've been talking—and he's just gone down to get the four o'clock train—and he says we are to be married. And if God helps me—if God helps me—I'll make him the best wife!"

And Lizzie, turning her back suddenly, began to cry again. But Ellen knew that these were tears of joy. Her own mood was the more sober of the two as she went slowly to her own room. "The right thing is not always the easy thing," she mused apprehensively.

Now she must face Gibbs with this extraordinary news. And Gibbs, intolerant of Joe always, would find in this a complete confirmation of his poor opinion of the younger man. George Lathrop's dearest dream shattered, Harriet and a fortune flung aside, and Joe and a village girl, ungrammatical and unlettered, out to be married; the summary was disheartening indeed. And yet under all her uneasiness Ellen's heart was singing with the joy of a decision wisely made, and a hard step bravely taken.

She left Lizzie tremulously smiling.

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"Well, what about it?" he asked at length, after a frightful silence. The two were measuring each other like wrestlers, Gibbs' eyes hard and angry, his father's, look the soul of all that was suspicious and revengeful.

Ellen did not hear the old man's answer, which came in a quick, furious undertone, nor what he said again, after Gibbs had made an ugly response.

Their faces were close together, and they looked straight into each other's eyes as they spoke. The sound of their tense, harsh voices, in this beautiful hall of so many perfect silences, seemed to Ellen full of sudden terror and menace.

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they were like two hairy denizens of some primeval forest ready to spring and rend. The storm had come so suddenly, and from so clear a sky, that Ellen had had no time to run for help, no time to think. She stood where she was, one hand gripping the curved dark wood of the rail, the other pressed against her heart.

"Oh, don't!" she whispered, unheard. "Oh, what is it?"

She caught the words "... you bound . . . you hurt. Betraying your own father . . . lying your way out of it like a common . . ." and then everything was unintelligible again until Gibbs, hours with passion, shouted suddenly:

"I'll stop you, by G—d! I'll kill you before I'll listen to you! I'll stop you . . ."

"Oh, no, Gibbs!" she half-sobbed, from the landing, seeing the threatening gesture. In the same instant the old man groped blindly for an ivory scimitar that lay on the hall table, a beautiful thing supposedly a book-knife, but measuring some two feet in length, and very heavy.

Then suddenly it was all over. Silence fell in the hall, and cutting through it Ellen heard the gasp of a maid. Torrens and some of the girls had come running in.

Gibbs, with an ugly sneering smile on his lips, stumbled back, clearing with his hand a flowing skin-wound in his forehead. His face, under the trickling red, was ghastly. The old man, standing himself with one hand on the table, stood panting and staring wildly at him.

"By G—d, you ought to be killed . . . my mother's name . . . a fight like this!" Gibbs spoke thickly, his breath heaving. "If any other man had said that . . ."

"You get out of my house!" the old man answered, in a quivering whisper. "Get out of my house—do you hear?"

"I'll get out of your house!" his son answered bitterly. As he strode toward the big closet the maids murmured and drew back from him. "I'll get out and I'll take my wife and child tomorrow!" he said, surely.

"Gibbs, dear!" Ellen had run down the stairs, and was clinging to his arm. "Gibbs, dear, it's your father! Don't speak so!"

He took her hand from his arm, but not roughly, and for a moment looked at her vaguely. He had taken an overcoat from the closet, and had his cap in his hand.

"Gibbs, you'll come back!" she begged urgently as he turned toward the door. "When you're cooler, Gibbs—you mustn't quarrel with your father!"

She saw that in the whirl of his passion he could not hear her, or could not understand her. But at the door he seemed suddenly to notice Torrens, and he turned back.

"Here's your chauffeur," he said, biting, to his father. "Why don't you ask him where your wife was that night? Why don't you ask him whether he left her in Great Neck, or whether she took a train for the city? You remember the night of the storm, Torrens: where did you leave Mrs. Josselyn that night?"

"I took her to Mrs. Pepper's house in Great Neck, sir," the man said, eager and uneasy. "Before we left the car up, we went there, sir."

Gibbs gave one last look at his father, shrugged his shoulders, and was gone. The noise of the slamming heavy door died away, and there was silence. The maids stood grouped together at the dining room door, their eyes terrified. Josselyn, Senior, was still keeping one fine old hand on the table for support; his eyes fixed unseeingly upon a spot on the floor a few feet away, his head hanging.

Ellen was the first to move. She dismissed the maids a quick look that dismissed them, and went to put her arm about the old man's shoulders.

"Come into the study," she commanded him, as if he had been Tommy. She was trembling herself and her heart was beating violently. This burst of primitive fury, this rending of all the careful structure of years, had left her shaken and shocked.

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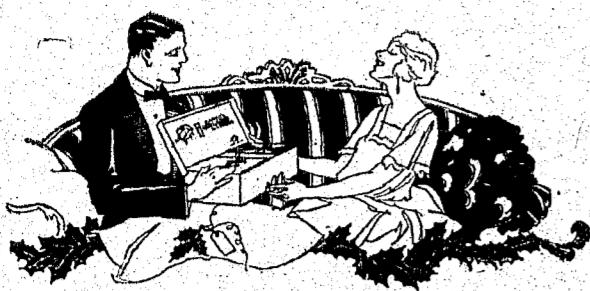
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The question of water-works in
Grayling is one of the biggest
questions the people here have ever been
asked to answer. It is well that the
people hear all sides of the proposition
so that when they do vote they
may be fully informed. Salling Hanson
Company have called a meeting
to be held at the Board of Trade
rooms next Monday night. Every
property owner in the city should be
there, and every councilman should
be there. This is a duty and we believe
that it will be complied with.

The organizations which are
backing the national Child Labor Amend-
ment propose to give Congress power
to legislate on this subject, controlling
the employment of children up to
the age of 18 years.

It is stated that 38 states of the
American union already place restrictions
on conditions of employment for
boys and girls under the age of 18 years.

Government authorities and various
patriotic organizations are working
on plans for a universal draft
law, whereby capital, material and
labor, as well as fighting men, may
be pressed into service in the event of
war.

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PYTHIANS ELECT OFFICERS
AND AWARD P. C. JEWELS.

The Pythians enjoyed a fine evening
Wednesday night when past-chancellor
jewels were presented the several
members who had served in the
capacity of chancellor or who were
deserving because of official service
in the lodge. Also the officers for
1925 were duly elected.

Those selected for official lodge
duty for next year are as follow:
C. C. B. E. Smith,
V. C. Roy Milnes,
Prelate—Clarence Brown,
K. of R. and S.—Lorane Sparks,
M. of F.—Herluf Sorenson,
M. of E.—O. P. Schumann,
M. of W.—Lyle Milks,
M. of A.—P. G. Zalsman,
I. G.—Carl Doroh.

Dell Weir is the retiring chancellor.
O. G.—Byron Newell,
Treasurer—Charles Gierke re-
tires as master at arms.

Past-chancellor jewels were awarded
past-chancellors Frank G. Walton,
Holger Hanson, Carl Johnson, T. P.
Peterson, and Emil Giebling, and past
K. of R. and S., A. J. Joseph and past
M. of F., Geo. W. McCullough. All
were present to receive the honors
except Mr. Walton, who now resides
in Bay City, Mr. Johnson and Mr. McCullough.
Their will be sent to them personally. The presentations
were made by Past Chancellor Marius
Hanson.

There was a good attendance. A
banquet and smoker was served and all
enjoyed a really Pythian evening
together. T. W. Hanson acted as
toastmaster and everybody partook
in the speeches and many good suggestions
were offered and many interesting
and amusing events told.

The Knights of Pythias is generally
known as a young man's order and
prospects are good for a big year
ahead of Portage Lodge. Plans are
being made for many social events
next year.

SHOP EARLY—MAIL EARLY.

The Shop Early, Mail Early cam-
paign inaugurated by Postmaster
General New last year proved to be
an unqualified success. It was of
great benefit to the people and also
enabled post office employees to de-
liver all the Christmas mail before
December, the 25th. The department
again this year asks the hearty
cooperation of the public in order that
the record made last year may be
equalled, if not excelled.

When you shop early and mail early
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

Having accepted the appointment
for the Health Service Fellowship in
Roentgenology at the University of
Michigan, I will leave Grayling about
January 1st.

Arrangements have been made with
Dr. G. J. Dierkes of Kansas City, Mo.,
to take over my practice and residence.
He will arrive in Grayling within a few days.
The latter is a graduate of one of the western
colleges and is a successful physician
and surgeon and I am sure will be
well received and well liked in Grayling.

I have enjoyed my work here in
Grayling and formed many warm
friendships all of which I am reluctant
to leave, but feel that I should not
neglect to accept the fine opportunity
that comes to me from the University.

Dr. H. H. Pool, M. D.

UNIVERSAL DRAFT.

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FREDERIC NEWS.

Our bazaar on December 6th, notwithstanding
the bad day netted the Ladies Aid \$75.00, besides a social
time for the members.

Henry Leeman who has been on the
sick list is out again.

Mrs. Frank Monroe is in Mecosta
county visiting her aged father who is
in poor health. She has gone there
to give him Christmas cheer.

The banquet last Monday night was
a very enjoyable affair, especially the address by the Free Methodist minister
of Grayling who was present with a
number of other Grayling people.

Last and not least was the good hot
coffee and lunch which the gentlemen
refreshed. Maple Forest was well
represented.

George Sheldon and family entered

the audience with good music.

Mrs. Albert Lewis entertained her
brother Frank Long, wife and friends
of Flint last week.

Mrs. McKay had the misfortune to
fall last Monday, jarring her up a little,
which means no small thing to
a person of her years.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Charron drove
to Pontiac and Ann Arbor to see their
youngest child who is taking treatment.

Rev. Kunsman of Port Huron, M.
P. president, will be here for services
next Sunday, December 21, nothing
interfering, especially the elements.

Eli Forbush and wife have deserted
the farm for the quietness of their town home.

Mrs. Charles Bender is here from
Marion, Ohio, visiting her children
over for the holidays.

Those Peter's Oxfords should be seen to be appreciated, Spring Styles
in light Tans. Mothers come and look at the Two Toned Shoes
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LEGION TO PLAY SANTA
CLAUS TO CHILDREN.

Grayling Post 106 American Legion
will play Santa to the kiddies of
Grayling this year, and the members
of the past week have been busy secur-
ing the names of all children between
the ages of one and twelve for old
St. Nick. Children between the ages
of 2 and 8 years will receive gifts and
those between the ages of 1 and 2
and 9 and 12 sacks of candy and nuts.
The little folks will want to be on
the look out for Santa, who with his
crew of helpers will begin their trip
about the city soon after noon on
Wednesday the day before Christmas.
They have arranged their trip in fire
districts, first expecting to visit Dis-
tricts Nos. 8 and 9 on the south side,
and du Pont avenue, then T-town and
Districts 6 and 7, making this section
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The downtown districts will be reached
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Christmas Candy Supreme!

Our Candy is as much a part of the Christmas spirit as Holly and old Santa himself. Goodies for young and old that are delightfully wholesome and always appreciated.

Ours is the Christmas Candy Supreme. Give it to your friends and relatives and it will add to their enjoyment of the holiday season.

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Yes sir--men, here are real cigars. Full, rich and plenty of body so you know you are smoking, but are not strong. Order a box today. You will need them for yourself and your friends at Christmas time.

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A Fountain Pen is a gift that always pleases--but be sure you choose to fit the recipient's requirements. Dainty for ladies and regular sizes for men.

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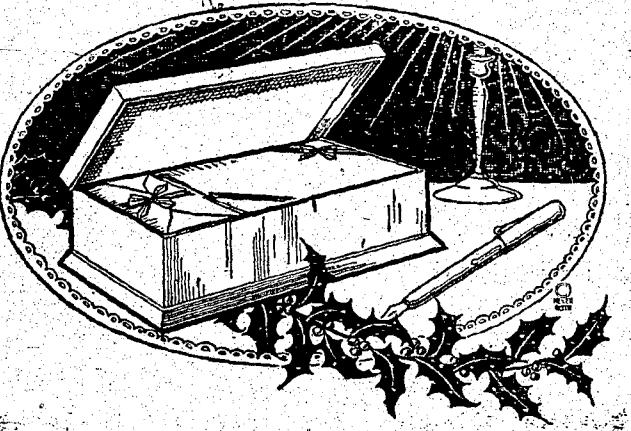
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A pocket knife is something everybody needs. We have them in the dainty, vestpocket styles to the more practical kinds for general use by men and boys.

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Stationery---Well Chosen

There is a satisfaction that your gift will be appreciated. Stationery carries with it that assurance that the recipient will always appreciate it. Our stock is complete with the very choicest styles and grades.



LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1924

New silk and satin hats at the Gift Shop.

Al Cripps is reported as being quite ill at home.

Miss Mae Richardson spent Sunday at her home in Roscommon.

Mrs. Frank Karnes and children are visiting her sister Mrs. Edward King in Flint.

Mrs. A. E. Mason and son Frederick visited relatives in Bay City Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben DelaMater and daughter, Muriel are spending the week in Detroit.

Daniel Hoesel, local Standard Oil Company Agent was in Saginaw on business Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson spent a few days in Detroit last week, remaining over Sunday.

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Read the ads and Shop Early Men! Take advantage of the one-fourth off sale of suits.

Grayling Mercantile Co.

Fred R. Welsh is in Chicago on business.

Game Warden Reuben Babbitt was in Gladwin on business Thursday.

Ladies coats at one-fourth off.

Grayling Mercantile Co.

Mrs. Mary Ewan will leave Saturday for Lapeer to remain over Christmas.

Frank Tetu returned Wednesday afternoon from a business trip to Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith, Jr. have moved to the Burke Apartments.

Miss Margrethe Hemmingsen was in Saginaw a couple of days this week on business.

A special Christmas dinner at Shoppenagon Inn from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Price \$1.00.

Miss Joy Crouch, teacher in our schools slipped down the school steps Saturday spraining an ankle.

Get ready for the annual Charity Ball to be given on New Year's eve December 31. All are cordially invited.

Include the Avalanche among your Christmas shopping wants. We will send it to any address you may desire.

Before buying your Xmas Gifts be sure to look over our stock. We have many nice gifts on display.

Central Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cripps are happy over the arrival of a Xmas gift—an 8 pound daughter born Monday, December 15th. Lois Mae is her name.

Addies is on the look out for Santa Claus, who will begin distributing his gifts about the city beginning early in the afternoon of the day before Christmas.

Mr. Litchfield of the Litchfield Construction company, who are erecting the new Michelson Memorial church in the southern part of the state on business.

Mrs. Charles Hewitt and little son of Bay City have arrived to spend Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fletcher at the Military reservation.

Miss Eleanore Schumann arrived this afternoon from Western State Normal college, Kalamazoo to spend the holidays visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. U. P. Schumann.

There seems to be no reason why a person who has need to use his car these winters shouldn't run it. Snow don't seem to hold up the traffic very much. Of course there is little desire for joy riding.

Mr. Johnson, who is employed in the Ford plant at Iron Mountain, arrived home last week, owing to suffering with blood poisoning in one of his limbs. The infection resulted from a mere scratch.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Adler Jorgenson was hostess to the members of her club. Three tables were played and the prizes were taken by Mrs. A. Kraus and Mrs. Victor Smith, after which a lunch of dainty appointments was served.

Mrs. Mary Goudrow, and Mrs. Josephine Conklin and sons John and Bernard left Wednesday to spend the holidays, guests of the Jacob Collens family at Linden, Mich. Before going to Linden they expect to spend a few days in Detroit.

Mrs. H. A. Bauman entertained the ladies of the Bridge club with a delightful luncheon Saturday afternoon at the Shoppenagon Inn. The guests then went to Mrs. Bauman's home and played bridge. Mrs. M. Hanson held the highest score.

The Christmas tree for the children of the M. E. Sunday school will be held at Danbod Hall Tuesday evening December 23rd. The parents are also requested to be present. Come and bring the kiddies and enjoy the program that will be given.

Dr. Don M. Howell announces that he has opened offices at 753-7 David Whitney building Detroit. Dr. Howell is a former physician of Grayling, and recently returned from Europe where he had been to pursue studies of his profession.

At the regular meeting of Grayling Council Knights of Columbus, last night, Alfred Hughes, who has been in charge of the secretarial work for the past two years was presented with a beautiful gold ring bearing the K. of C. emblem, from the Council for his faithfulness.

The Girl Scouts have made application to Mr. R. Hanson for the use of lot back of Dr. Pool's residence, for an ice rink. Of course the privilege was granted and an offer of other assistance with it. There are now two companies of Girl Scouts and both are active in scout work. The young girls are now earning funds for use in next summer's camp.

The Grayling Auto Sales Co., dealers in Buick and Dodge cars and used cars, have closed their sales rooms next to Shoppenagon Annex for the present. Mr. Charles Kinney, the local representative, says that he will have to have the place open for about a week in the middle of January to close up some orders that have been placed for that time, after which the rooms will be closed again until early in March, when they will be re-opened for the season.

St. Mary's church will as usual observe the Christmastide with special services. Previous to the midnight mass, or between 11:30 and 12:00 o'clock there will be a musical program given by the Nurses' choir, composed of the nurses of Grayling Mercy hospital, with Miss Rose Cassidy at the organ; Miss Trudo will render a violin solo. At the midnight mass St. Mary's choir will sing the hymns, the service closing with benediction. A low mass at eight o'clock Christmas morning will be for the children.

Register of Deeds Andrew Hart is re-writing all the county abstracts to fit new volumes. Some of these records date back to 1859 and are becoming indistinct and illegible. This will entail many hours of hard work on the part of Mr. Hart who he does at odd times when he is not at his regular work. The records are being copied in typewriter and are a big improvement over the old ones. At present there are twenty large volumes when re-written they will occupy about five volumes. The property owners of Crawford county who have occasion to refer to these abstracts surely appreciate this volunteer and unrequired service on the part of Mr. Hart. It is interesting to note the earliest report on record in these books, it being the granting of a certain tract of land to St. Mary Fall Canal company.

An explosion in the engine room of the Kerr & Hanson Flooring Company, caused quite a blaze at about 6:30 Monday morning. With the aid of the factory employees the fire was soon gotten under control by the company's water system, although the fire department had been called.

Another shipment of nice party dresses just received.

Grayling Mercantile Co.

When you think of House Slippers think of Olson's.

C. J. Hathaway Optometrist of Pontiac will be in Grayling Dec. 29 & 30, to look after his optical practice.

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Michigan Happenings

Road commissioners of three counties in the upper peninsula will place before the next session of the state legislature resolutions adopted by the county boards asking that certain roads in Menominee, Delta and Dickinson counties be adopted as part of the state trunk line system. Proposed as trunk lines are route 91 from Escanaba to Cedar River, route 90 from Foster City across Menominee county to Narenca on route 12 in Delta county, and the 17-mile Foster City-Wacahah road in Dickinson county.

The executive committee of the Michigan State Grange has taken action which is expected to line up virtually all of the powerful farm organizations of the state against the proposed law sponsored by the Michigan State Teachers' Association, and Thomas E. Johnson, superintendent of public instructions, to increase inheritance and foreign insurance company taxes for the benefit of the primary school fund.

The state supreme court has held the Voorles-Bahorski anti-gambling law invalid. The decision was based on the failure of the house Journal to show that the bill had been read a third time before being passed. The law was held invalid when the supreme court denied a motion for a writ of mandamus to compel Judge Christopher E. Stein, of recorder's court, Detroit, to issue a warrant under the act.

The United States Air Mail has purchased the "Maiden Detroit," a Detroit-built, all-metal, seven-passenger monoplane of the Stout Air Pullman type. The war type planes now used by the Air Mail can carry only 500 pounds of mail. It is believed the Air Pullman will be able to carry 2,000 pounds at the same speed and no greater cost of fuel and overhead.

The State Supreme Court has affirmed the conviction of George Almashy, alleged professional bondman of the Detroit courts. He was found guilty of perjury in the Wayne County courts after he had represented himself as free from incumbrances and gone bail for a man named Greenspon, who was held on a charge of violating the liquor law.

Fraternities will aid in the entertainment and clothing of needy boys of Ann Arbor during the Christmas celebration immediately before the beginning of the holidays, according to Earl Blaser, chairman of the Christmas celebration committee of the Student Christian association.

An indictment charging embezzlement of \$6,000 in postal funds has been returned against Edward B. Neibor, former postmaster at Reeman, Newaygo County, by a District Court grand jury. He is said to have obtained the money by drawing postal orders.

Henry Stroup, 45 years old, slayer of 18-year-old Russell Olinger during a drunken quarrel at Niles, on Sept. 14, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced by Circuit Judge Charles E. White to serve 14 to 15 years in Jackson prison.

Search still continues for 17-year-old Iola Phillips, daughter of A. M. Phillips, who disappeared mysteriously from her home in Grand Rapids, December 2, when she was carried away in an automobile in which three men were riding.

John Lovell, 22 years old, and unmarried, of Jackson, was electrocuted at Augusta when working near a transformer. Forty thousand volts passed through his body before fellow workers could shut off the current.

Russell Ferguson, 30 years old, of Childdale, an employee in the Childdale Paper Mills, at Grand Rapids was crushed to death when his clothing caught in a large pulley.

For the first time in history, the Ann Arbor community fund reached its quota, oversubscribing its budget by \$1,485.65. The total amount raised was \$50,442.56.

Manstee has been selected as the west Michigan headquarters of the Michigan state police, with Corporal Hathaway in charge of the post.

Walter "Red" Farrar has been elected captain of the Western State Normal football team. He is a resident of Negaunee, Mich.

Bank bandits held up a bank of the Bank of Detroit and took over \$5,000.

George K. Spees, 4 months old, son of Benjamin Spees, of Grand Rapids, died in his crib from suffocation which, according to J. B. Hilliker, the coroner, resulted when the infant pulled the covers over his head.

Fearing that sand bars would tie up navigation in western Michigan port cities, the government has returned the General Meade, a dredge, to that district. At present the dredge is working at Grand Haven, and will go to Muskegon and Holland shortly.

The Ypsilanti City Milk Producers' Association is the name of a new organization of 21 milk dealers supplying this city with milk. The new association was formed at a meeting of 27 milk dealers. Charles Campbell was elected president.

Heavy claims for damages from sheep killing by dogs will be presented this year to the township board by farmers of Linden, it is said. Nearly a dozen farmers in Fenton township have suffered losses.

Manufacturers and shippers throughout the state are preparing through the Michigan Manufacturers' Association to oppose with all the force they can command the proposition to create a new basis for making freight rates in the territory north of the Ohio river and east of the Mississippi. The new basis would probably mean an increase in Michigan inbound freight rates of about 12 per cent, and on outbound freight approximately 18 per cent. Hearings on the proposition are scheduled to begin before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, Feb. 7.

Emil Zupke, of St. Joseph, 24-year-old slayer of May Raber, was sentenced to life imprisonment at Marquette by Judge Charles E. White in Circuit Court. Zupke waived all trial rights and went before the court with a plea of guilty. Following the requirement of law, he was given a formal hearing. Zupke reiterated his story of how he choked the Raber girl to death the night of August 6, and hid her body in a clump of bushes at Metzger's Crossing, a lonely spot a few miles south of the city.

Egbert "Happy" Dyke, confessed slayer of Miss Molle Fleming, Ottawa county school teacher, has been sentenced by Judge O. S. Cross to serve from seven and one-half to fifteen years in Jackson prison on a manslaughter charge. The maximum term was recommended. Dyke killed Miss Fleming in a woodshed of the school where she taught near Conklin. He evaded officers for a day but confessed the slaying after capture. The killing followed the refusal of Miss Fleming to return Dyke's love.

The state licensed more than 850,000 automobiles in the first 11 months of this year, a report compiled by Charles J. DeLand, secretary of state shows. This compares with about 300,000 cars for the entire 12 months last year. The exact figures for the 11 months of 1924 were 774,316 passenger cars and 82,637 trucks, as compared with 657,148 passenger cars and 73,510 trucks in 1923. Revenues from license fees this year amount to \$11,240,423. All records have been shattered this year.

Reports by federal investigators on the explosion at the Grand Rapids postoffice November 12, which caused three deaths and injured nearly a score of persons, will be withheld until court action is taken, it has been stated. Grand Rapids postal inspectors are said to have filed reports in Europe to the United States should be accompanied by a simultaneous and proportionate payment to us.

A trout planting school for the benefit of sportsmen will be held late in the winter at the state fish hatchery at Comstock park, under the auspices of the state's Isaac Walton league. Dwight Liddell, superintendent of the hatchery, will direct the school. By teaching sportsmen how trout should be planted, it is believed the annual loss of fry will be reduced greatly.

The Grand Trunk elevator at Port Huron, with its contents of 600,000 bushels of grain, was destroyed by fire and the steel barge, Alexander Maitland, loaded with 150,000 bushels of barley, which was moored to the dock unloading its barley cargo, was seriously damaged. The loss roughly estimated will total about \$1,000,000.

Names of poor families in Sturgis who will not be able to have a Christmas dinner will be given to persons who wish to help these unfortunate to have a merry Christmas, Bernard McKay, chairman of the Welfare league, has announced. The Elks helped these families to a Thanksgiving dinner.

George W. Smith, Bay City, dead motorist in the car that figured in the head-on collision at Frankenmuth Junelton, of two Michigan Railroad company interurbans, was blamed for the wreck in the verdict returned by a coroner's jury here.

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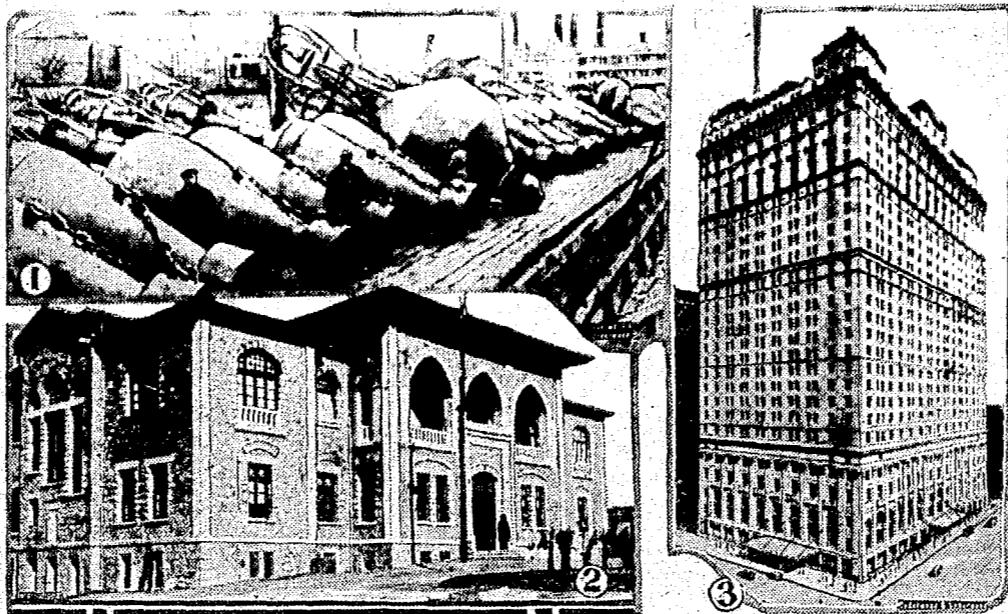
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NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

British Stand Checks the Funding of Debts to U. S.—Germany's Elections.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

NEGOTIATIONS for the funding of war debts owed the United States by foreign nations may be checked entirely by the position taken last week by Great Britain, as represented by Winston Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer. Discussions between Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and Ambassador Jusserand, relative to funding the French debt, aroused the fear in England that France would be granted more favorable terms than were given to Great Britain. Mr. Churchill, explaining his government's position to the house of commons, said Britain would insist on equal treatment with any other nation in this matter, and he added: "It is essential that any payment by our debtors in Europe to the United States should be accompanied by a simultaneous and proportionate payment to us."

Speaking for the Liberals, Sir John Simon called England's position "intolerable" and said: "Our allies owe us some \$3,000,000,000, involving a yearly interest on the debt of \$130,000,000. We are paying our debt to America, but none of our allies dreams of paying us anything." Washington officials declared positively that there was no reason to expect a reopening of the funding agreement with Great Britain, a request for an understanding of it was postponed until March, which was agreed to. A delegation from Egypt urged that the council take cognizance of the protest of the Egyptian parliament against the recent "wanton British attack," but here again British influence prevailed and the league secretariat announced it could not recognize the protest because it did not come from the Egyptian government.

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For the present the People's party has refused to go into a coalition which would include the Socialists, so, according to dispatches from Berlin, the cabinet headed by Chancellor Marx has decided to resign. The outcome may be the formation of a bourgeois ministry to include the Nationalists, whose opponents wish to maneuver them into an impossible situation.

Baron Ago von Maltzan, secretary of state of the German foreign office, has been appointed ambassador to Washington to succeed Herr Wiedfeldt, who has resigned. Baron Maltzan is credited with possessing great diplomatic ability. He was chiefly responsible for the treaty of Rapallo between Germany and Russia, which caused such a sensation during the Genoa conference of the great powers.

THE League of Nations council opened in Rome what might have been an important meeting had it not been found necessary or advisable to yield to the demands of the British. Austen Chamberlain told the council the Baldwin cabinet needed more time to examine the security and arbitration protocol and insisted that consideration of it be postponed until March, which was agreed to. A delegation from Egypt urged that the council take cognizance of the protest of the Egyptian parliament against the recent "wanton British attack," but here again British influence prevailed and the league secretariat announced it could not recognize the protest because it did not come from the Egyptian government.

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Merry Christmas to All



Christmas Time

By THOMAS A. CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois

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but with the greatest difficulty at Christmas time, and especially since the prices of my own particular varieties of frankincense and myrrh have been so affected by the economic conditions. It is what is in our hearts that makes Christmas real. The song of the angels is in the air if the Christmas spirit is in our hearts, Christmas is as great a reality as it ever was, if we will make it so, and for us all the

CHRISTMAS EVE

THE CHRISTIAN REGISTER

I LIKE to think that every house is full of cheer tonight; That everywhere—on every hearth— Warm fires are burning—bright. Give gifts to home the gift of cheer, For no one ought to grieve On such a happy night as this— On Christmas eve!

I like to think that every heart Is full of love tonight And tree of every ancient grudge. The world is full of love— Give our hearts the gift of love, For no one ought to grieve On such a happy day as this— On Christmas eve!

Angels are again proclaiming us they did that night in Palestine, centuries ago, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

I shall hang up my stocking at Christmas Eve, there will be raisins in it in the morning. I have faith that the old Christmas joys will be mine once more.

A Load of Christmas

By Frank Herbert Sweet

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HOLCOMB did things in a peculiar way—a peculiarly nice way, though. It affected his Christmas gifts, his business, even his friendships. But then he was a bachelor of fifty. Then, too, everybody loved him, which is a very peculiar thing about a successful business man with competition, you'll admit.

This year Holcomb was very busy, and his Christmas gifts—general gifts, you know—hadn't even occurred to him until two days before the day.

He was passing through a new street between a restaurant and his office, when he saw a small shop with windows crammed with toys—nothing but toys. At this season, nearly the middle of the afternoon, a toy shop ought to be crowded with customers. This shop was closed. On the steps stood a small, anxious looking man, and a big one dangling a large key. It looked like a store key.

Seemed peculiar. So Holcomb went to the steps.

"Like to look at the toys," he began. "Can't now," boomed the big man. "This chap can't pay a bill, so I've taken it. Auction day after tomorrow. I'm sheriff."

"Meaning," said Holcomb, "that if the bill is paid, the store belongs to this man again? How much?"

"Of course—and \$200."

"What's it all worth?" to the little man.

"About \$50 if sold at auction," de-

REFLECTORS

If WE could reflect the spirit of Christmas cheer half as brilliantly as a piece of tin will reflect the rays from a lamp, we should help to light the world to an amazing degree.

Who can hold out against a smiling face that radiates fun and kindness? Who is cold enough to resist the melting warmth of real friendliness?

Let's pretend, this Christmas, that we are very bright, and illuminate the modest tin reflector of the lamp of unquenchable good-fellowship! —Martha Banning Thomas.

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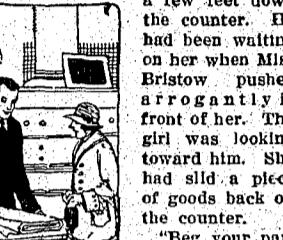
The Glorious Life of the Christmas Tree

By Mary Graham Bonner

FIRST I was a beautiful tree growing in the woods. Then I became a handsome, decorated Christmas tree, and was admired by everyone.

I shall greet the New Year, and then, I hear I shall be burned in a splendid bonfire. So that I shall end my existence in a blaze of glory!

It is a glorious life that a Christmas tree leads.



shop girls, and with the pathetic side of Christmas buyers, Alice."

The girl looked startled. "I never saw you before," she exclaimed. "How do you know my name?"

"I don't, all of it—just Alice. That is why I used no other. Listen! I went over to the department store this morning, as you heard. I watched the shoppers. I saw children and women look at inexpensive things wistfully, then turn away. I heard a tired-looking shop girl tell another that she wanted to get a crippled sister to a doctor, but couldn't afford it. Five hundred dollars would do real good there."

The girl's face lighted. "Indeed, it would, Mr. Henderson. I know that girl with a crippled sister. She supports her invalid mother and her small brothers and sisters, and sends some of them to school. And I know others. What wouldn't \$500 do!"

"I feel so, too, Alice. And you're just the one to do it."

"Me?" incredulously. "Why, you don't know me."

"Yes, I do. I was standing near the room manager when he called you up and discharged you. After you went out I heard him say to some one, in a regretful way, that you were one of the best sales girls he ever had, but that you persisted in dressing so shabbily, in spite of repeated warnings, that he was forced to let you go. He wanted only attractively dressed girls."

Alice blushed scarlet. "I have so many to look after that it isn't right to waste on myself," she said in a low voice.

"I understand. I made inquiries about you, and find you are the girl I need. Now, I want you to work for me, Alice, but I shall give you the forenoon during the holidays to expend the \$500 wisely. You may keep a report to show me. Afternoons and evenings I shall want you here. The salary will be \$20 a week."

"I got only \$10 in the department store."

"I always pay \$20. A good girl is worth it. And, oh yes, you must dress nicely. I can take two or three dollars from your wages each week to pay on the things you buy. You'll want at least two dresses for yourself, with shoes, hat and other things. This dress for your mother, and what things you want for the children. You'll come?"

"Yes, indeed."

Tears were slipping down her cheeks. But they were happy ones.

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When have I clothed Thee when naked? And when wert Thou hungry and fed?

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One Guess—Who's the Letter For?



"No, you my enemy! You sneak like Sioux! Eagle Eye give you buffalo robe. I hate you! You'll ride no more with him! Hear!"

Anita clapped her hand over Rachel's mouth, threw her into Bear creek, then skulked down the stream.

Big Jim, white chief of the tribe, who lived on Blue Hawk peak, saw Anita throw Rachel into the creek. He ran, dived into the water and brought Rachel to the surface; unable to get up the steep bank, he called loudly for help. Eagle Eye was returning and answered the call; together they climbed the bank.

"Why you here, Jim? You sneak! You'll explain this," said Eagle Eye, as he tenderly wrapped his blanket around Rachel.

It was Christmas Eve; Rachel and Eagle Eye were behind the curtain.

"Eagle Eye, Jim cares nothing for me; he saved my life and you must not harm him," said Rachel. "I've told you I can't marry you; I respect and like you; Anita loves you. Marry her, Eagle Eye—one of your own race."

"I marry Anita after she tried to kill you! No; Indian is always avenged."

"Eagle Eye, you are your people's leader; they believe in you. It was



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love for you that prompted Anita to do as she did. You felt the same toward Jim when you thought he was taking me from you. Don't you understand? You are educated; you're to lend your people. Promise me? This is Christmas, Eagle Eye, and we should have good will toward all. You will promise me?"

Eagle Eye took Rachel's hand. "I promise," he said.

The curtain was drawn and the whoops and yells expressed but mildly the joy of the first Christmas to the Indians.

Old Eagle Chief said: "Big heap when Eagle Eye was born; he has brought us education, civilization and Christ."

A yell went up from the tribe: "Eagle Eye shall be our chief! Eagle Eye shall be our chief!"

As the Sculptor Sees Jolly Old Santa Claus



Saint Nicholas Tired of His Own Children

IN HIS book called "A Tramp Abroad" Mark Twain gives the legend about Santa Claus or St. Nicholas. While the author was traveling from Lucerne to Interlaken he passed by the house of the children's Christmas saint. There, the story goes, at fifty St. Nicholas became tired of his own children and decided to be a hermit. Their noise distracted him, so he sought out a dreary refuge far from the world. Here, it is said, he had the leisure to ponder and reflect upon pious things. What became of his wife and ten children is not mentioned. But as a penance the old saint is obliged forever to climb down "sooty chimneys" Christmas Eve, conferring kindness on other people's children, to make up for deserting his own."

In any event the old fellow looks pretty jolly, and we hope he enjoys it as much as the children enjoy him!—Martha Banning Thomas.

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A Christmas Centerpiece

Use a small length of wood, about a foot, to represent a Yule log. Hollow it out and fill it with holly to recall the traditional log long popular in England and the colonies.

FARM BUREAU NOTES
R. D. BAILEY
County Agricultural Agent

Did You See It?

That article in: Saturday Evening Post by Senator Ladd of North Dakota. Senator Ladd is a chemist by profession, and was for quite a time President of North Dakota Agricultural College, where his work in the interests of the farmers of his state was so much appreciated that they elected him United States Senator. Senator Ladd's article in the Post is a very clear showing as to why the great power at Muscle Shoals ought to be leased to Henry Ford and developed in the interest of the people, and not allowed to fall into the clutches of certain interests who wish to feed themselves fat off what belongs to the people. There must be a good reason why these big interests are so bitterly fighting the Ford offer.

Senator Ladd plainly shows the errors in the articles recently written against the acceptance of the Ford offer and printed in the Post recently.

How the publishers can furnish such a large and such a good magazine as the Post every week for only five cents a copy, beats me. Some numbers run as high as 228 pages. Let a person read the Post for a year and he will have some real information. How it would add to many of our farm homes.

In "The Michigan Patron," (Grange paper) in which Master A. B. Cook states that "the Grange will continue its tax reform fight until justice and equity are secured."

In same paper "Private Peat well known speaker, campaign veteran of the World War in painted words tells his own experience in sodden trenches and gashly, and has come to believe that truth in education about war is the only abiding road to peace. He calls his lecture "Inexcusable Lie," the lie that in the past has been told children that war is glorious, romantic, chivalrous, heroic. He believes that there will be no more wars when children are taught to understand and abhor the actual, naked character of warfare.

In same paper: The effort of the

Grange to secure electric light and power for all.

Same paper: "One compensation of the open country is that there are less sights and sounds. Out in the quiet country homes we have more time to listen to other worlds. At this Christmas time, shall our minds and hearts be so filled with just living that we cannot take time to listen to the angel's song, and to see the Grange lecturer.

Michigan Farmer: In issue of December 6, that article about Septic Tanks for sewage Disposal on Farms? The out door toilet is usually a disgrace. Who will be the first Crawford County farmer to install a Septic Tank?

That the international egg laying contest at our Agricultural college closed the last day of November with the White Leghorns far in the lead. The winning pen produced at the rate of 262 eggs per hen for the year. All hens were cared for alike, and scientifically by the poultry department of the college.

The college will hold a 4-weeks short course this winter on how to properly care for poultry to make money with them. Has not some family in our county a son or a daughter who can be sent to take advantage of these good things?

The Service Department in which legal questions are well answered for readers.

Valuable Poultry Notes by R. G. Kirby a practical poultry man.

That grafting wood should be gathered this fall.

How to keep fresh meat in winter. That article in which Professor Reed of the Dairy Department of our Agricultural college shows that dairy profits follow good breeding and good feeding.

That there were 20 Michigan farmers who each able to produce a litter of pigs that weighed a ton when 180 days (6 months) old.

That takes skill in managing the mother and the pigs. That is putting brains into farming. Those who find farming monotonous, uninteresting or unprofitable would, if they are honest with themselves, probably find that they had probably never put much thought into farming.

That article in the December 13 Michigan Farmer showing how

valuable some black walnut trees would be on the farm to be coming along for old age, like an endowment insurance policy. I would add to that the planting one acre a year of the very choicest winter apples until there are five or six acres of them on the farm. Apple trees, properly set, require only 27 to the acre. There is a famine of choice winter apples in

famine of choice winter apples in Crawford County.

Doing this planting would furnish the family the fruit it should have, and make a source of income for old. Yes sir, several hundred dollars worth of choice winter apples can be taken off five or six acres. Great life insurance for old age!

That Article on Sweet Clover for Sandy Soils.

Those short, snappy, readable, helpful sermons each week by Rev. N. A. McCune, who preached in the People's Church just across the road from the Agricultural College. This church is composed of 17 denominations and does a great work.

That they are mapping the lands of the state, so that a stranger or a newcomer can buy intelligently, and not be skinned by the contemptible land sharks. Map will show good and poor spots about land of each county.

The article on Professor Frank A. Spragg, plant breeder at our Agricultural college, and recently killed in an auto accident. In him the public loses more than through the death of any other man. The Red Rock wheat, Rosen Rye, Berkley Rock wheat, Hardigan alfalfa, Robust bean, Worthy oat, Wolverine oat, Black Barbless barley, have added millions of dollars to the wealth of the state. Where is there another Professor Spragg growing up?

That, by discarding on old cream separator and securing a new one, A. J. Cramer saved 92 cents a day, or \$276 a year in the extra cream saved from the milk.

The Michigan Farmer is a valuable farm paper, written for Michigan conditions.

Country Gentleman. Do you ever see it? A wonderful weekly farm paper, published by a rich company that can afford to pay the price for authoritative articles. Every well informed farmer should

read it as part of his source of information. We have too many "wise guys" who can tell anyone and everyone "all about it," who don't read anything worth while.

The Country Gentleman, coming 52 times a year, puts some backbone into what a man knows.

Did you see in it recently that article on "Home Doctoring for Sour Land?"

The article "The Young Man Starting to Farm Now Need Never Fear for a Market." Worth reading.

"Why should Anyone Live in the Country?" After reading it you will see the possibilities of your farm home better.

The page devoted to "Handy Farm Mechanics" is great. The page entitled "The Country Gentlewoman" will interest every woman.

The poultry articles are better than in regular poultry papers.

I wish you all could read the brilliant, beautiful article "In the Garden," by Frances Hodgson Burnett, in the Nov. 22nd number.

I wish I had a way of sending that article to every farm home.

Did you notice that article on "An Extra Dozen Eggs" in the same number?

Also on page 7, how science is killing superstition among wide-awake farmers? "Canning Meat the Year Round" on page 29.

The Country Gentleman contains the best of stories, inspiration and information.

Youths Companion.

How I wish all boys and girls of the county might have the clean, wholesome, instructive, attractive Youths Companion to read each week.

I venture to say it is the best young people's paper in the English language. What really good thing do the young people on our farms have to read? Something like the Youths Companion is necessary to their best development while growing, and to establish the reading habit so they may be reading and broad-minded, open-minded citizens when grown.

It seems as though every mother would demand it for her children. What better than to give it now, as a Christmas present, a wholesome, visiting to the home 52 times a year.

The Farm Journal.

Brave, little, sturdy, honest, helpful Farm Journal. Who can say he can

not afford it? Four years for one dollar. One million three hundred thousand copies published this month. I have taken it 35 years, and have looked eagerly for every number.

Billed right down, and with the cleanest moral tone. Did you notice on page 25 of the December number, how to string a wire in the big, so you can safely hang a lantern there?

copied that idea from the Farm Journal 25 years ago, and still use it. Did you notice the pretty way, on page 24, to display the farm name? Have you copied any of the Farm Journal's labor saving devices? I would have the Farm Journal or bust a tug.

Michigan Business Farmer.

A live wire farm paper; but not all the farm paper alert, progressive farmer folks should take. However it should be in the list.

It's "Farmers' Service Bureau," "Handy Hirams" department, short sermons, radio department, Publisher's Desk (exposing schemes that might swindle us), Farm home page, Ads to good dressing and poultry department are snappy and very helpful.

Did you see in the Nov. 22nd issue "How I Would Grow Dad's Potatoes," one of the prize-winning essays at the recent Top Of Michigan Potato show, by Evelyn Carr? It contains the most advice in a few words on potato growing that I have seen by any but specialists.

That little talk on page 9, Nov 22nd, on "Your Own Name," is the best thing on the value of an untautened name I have seen. It should be carefully read in school by teachers.

Hoard's Dairyman.

Here's the paper that steadily read,

will change the mere teat-puller to an intelligent dairyman. It's America's leading dairy paper. It strikes to its text, and talks dairying in an authoritative, pleasant manner. Hehe you will find answers to your feeding problems. Here you will find what to do for the sick cow. Here you will find information on growing dairy feeds, keeping the soil in condition to grow them, and how others have succeeded. Here you will find plans for barn and milk houses.

Here, best of all, you will find inspiration and ideals that shall urge you onward.

Fathers.

Why don't you make yourself, wife, and children Christmas presents of some of these, or other papers, say Ladies' Home Journal, American, or Woman's Home Companion.

Mothers.

Why not make your husband a Christmas present of at least the Michigan Farmer, the Avalanche, and Hoard's Dairyman; and hold out some of the butter and egg money and get the Youths Companion for the children, and let Santa Claus know that you expect a magazine or two, and let him know which.

Children.

Why not ask for the Youths Companion? Pride yourself on what you read.

The Avalanche.

The Avalanche should be in every

farm home. Why not? It's your own county paper. It prints much that you need to know. The chance to know what others are doing is worth much. The notes by the County Agent are worth dollars to thoughtful farmers. Not to take and closely read your county paper is like crawling into a hole and pulling the hole in after you.

RAWEI DELIGHTS AUDIENCE.

Whershiko Rawei, native Polynesian lecturer and raconteur, appearing as the third number on the Lyceum course presented this season by the Senior class, was well received, by a good audience Tuesday evening.

Mr. Rawei's lecture telling of the arts, crafts, folklore, and music of the dwellers of the South Sea Islands was wonderful. Mr. Rawei, who is of Polynesian birth, early in his life was adopted by a British army officer and his wife on their return to England and after the death of his foster parents, he returned to his native home on the Samoan Islands, where he lived for many years, the many interesting tales he told of the Samoan dwellers delighted his audience.

Mr. Wawai is very distinguished looking gentleman and his visit to Grayling was very much enjoyed.

St. Mary's church will as usual observe the Christmastide with special services. Previous to the midnight mass, or between 11:30 and 12:00 o'clock there will be a musical pro-choir, composed of the nurses of Grayling Mercy hospital, with Miss Rose Cassidy at the organ; Miss Trude will render a violin solo. At the midnight mass St. Mary's choir will sing the hymnal, the service closing with benediction. A low mass at eight o'clock Christmas morning will be for the children.

NOTICE.

There is an ordinance prohibiting the depositing of ashes, or rubbish of any kind, in the streets, and the public have been cautioned again and again concerning this practice.

Please take notice that hereafter anyone violating this law will be prosecuted.

Charles Fehr, Street Commissioner.

SOUTH BRANCH TAX NOTICE.

I will be at the Roscommon State Bank every Saturday through December, and on Jan. 3, 1925. If roads are passable for auto to receive tax, will be at my home every Friday. (Signed) James F. Crane, Twp. Treas. 12-11-2



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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling was held at the Court house in said village on the 1st day of December 1924.

Present: R. D. Connine, president, Frank Sales, George W. McCullough, Dan Hoesli, C. O. McCullough, Geo. Burke.

Absent: M. A. Atkinson.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report of the Committee On Finance, Claims and Accounts.

Dec. 1, 1924.

To the President and members of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling:

Your Committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts to whom was referred the several bills, respectfully recommend that the accompanying accounts be allowed as follows:

Phil Quigley, fire report \$ 21.00

J. Nelson, labor on hydrants 10.00

J. Kleinhans, labor on hydrants 7.00

Chas. Fehr, pay roll ending Nov. 6 59.80

J. W. Sorenson, Assessor service 106.00

George Burke, storage acct. 11.32

We have withheld report on the account of the Grayling Electric Co. for the month of October, pending an adjustment of the charge thereon.

Approved:

Frank Sales,
C. O. McCullough,
Geo. Burke,

Committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts.

Moved by Geo. W. McCullough supported by Dan Hoesli that the report of the Committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts be accepted, approved and adopted. Yea and Nay vote called. All members voting yea, motion carried.

Moved by Sales, supported by Burke that the chair appoint four members of this Board as a special committee, instructing them to procure and report on such information of every kind that they may be able to secure relative to matters pertaining to a proposal for construction of a water works system for this village and to submit such report at a date to be determined at the adjournment of this board. Motion carried.

Frank Sales, Geo. W. McCullough, Dan Hoesli and George Burke were appointed by the President as members of the special committee in accordance with the next previous motion.

Moved by C. O. McCullough, supported by Hoesli that the board adjourn until Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock on December 8th, 1924. Motion carried.

Thereupon the board adjourned.

Chris Jenson, Village Clerk.

The Common Council of the Village of Grayling met at the Court house on the evening of Monday, December 8th, in adjourned session from the regular meeting of Monday, December 1st.

Present: R. D. Connine, president, G. W. McCullough, Dan Hoesli, C. O. McCullough, Frank Sales and George Burke.

Absent: M. A. Atkinson.

Board called to order by the chairman.

Report of Special Committee Under Appointment By the Village President.

To the Common Council of the Village of Grayling,

Gentlemen:

Your special committee appointed and under authority of the Common Council herewith respectfully report their findings relative to matters pertaining to information to be obtained regarding construction of a new water works system for this Village as directed.

In compiling the information herein contained we have considered several recommendations heretofore made and have given the matter a thorough investigation, that our recommendation and estimate of cost may be considered very close to the amount of actual cost as it might develop.

We have at hand the written report of the Michigan Inspection Bureau, dated February 16, 1921, to which is attached the record of inspection of the village by its repre-

sentative in the year 1918. We found but very little variation in said report with conditions of the present system of the present date in respect of water supply, its source, distribution and quality. We find from this report, under the heading "MERCANTILE SECTION," as follows, in part:

MERCANTILE SECTION: Not seriously congested. Extends along Mich. Ave. about three blocks between M. C. R. R. and Spruce St. About twenty per cent of buildings of brick or cement construction. Average height, two stories. Highest building 30 ft. with two stories. Total of 73 buildings in mercantile section over an area of 136,600 sq. ft. Frame Buildings occupy approximately 82 per cent of this area.

Under the heading Water Works, we find in part as follows:

WATER WORKS: Water available for fire flow approximately 500 gal. per minute, 29 per cent of standard requirements. Fire flow is limited by 6 in. supply main from water works to business section. Distribution system consists of about 2.3 miles of 3 in. to 6 in. mains and 15 double hydrants. System is deficient in size of mains, circulation, gate valve and hydrant spacing. Hydrants not maintained in good condition.

Your committee again considered of other reports of this nature which same was compiled by consulting engineers for this village during 1923. Of two reports on this proposition considered both are nearly parallel in their recommendation on plan, cost, as also in their findings on the inefficiency and undesirable features of the present system of source of supply, quality and distribution.

In presenting our estimate of cost of a new system, municipally operated, we have been unable to arrive at the amount through data secured from localities that have actually experienced a construction of this nature. A classification of such cost we submit as follows:

Pumping station	\$ 1,500.00
Wells	1,500.00
60,000 gal. tank, elevated	7,000.00
20 hydrants	1,500.00
10,000 ft. 6 in. main, iron	18,000.00
2,700 ft. 8 in. main, iron	6,750.00
Pumping equipment	3,750.00
Total	\$40,000.00

Items of mains include cost of labor and materials.

Reviewing this tabulation, details of specifications have been but partially worked out, but same represents in a general way the extent of financial outlay as nearly as can be determined at this time.

We believe that inquiry from any authoritative source would reveal but very little variation from this figure, with but a slight chance of increase. It may develop that our estimate is excessive in some items of our classification while others may not reach the exact cost as classified, a condition which would automatically adjust itself and not alter the total amount of the estimate as reported.

We are prepared to carry out the matter of detail on this proposition in event it is placed before the people and accepted, having the assurance of capable and efficient assistance at our disposal.

Concerning the reports to which we have referred, the same are preserved and will be placed on file with the Village clerk.

In conclusion, we therefore submit the matter herein contained and await your further pleasure, unless discharged from further consideration thereof.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed:

Geo. W. McCullough,
Frank Sales,
Dan Hoesli,
Geo. Burke.

Dated at Grayling, Mich., December 8th, 1924.

Moved by Sales, supported by Burke that the report of the committee above be accepted as read. Motion carried.

RESOLVED, That, Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of law wherein villages are empowered to hold special elections when said special elections are properly authorized by and with the concurring vote of a majority of the members of the common council thereof, and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable

to proceed with some suitable action for the express purpose of creating a fund to be established in addition to those already established and separate therefrom for the purpose of providing finances for a municipal purpose, and,

WHEREAS, the said authority is obtained, under the law, by submitting to the qualified electors of the village for their approval, the proposition for which such fund is to be created, and,

WHEREAS, the specific amount so required for such municipal purpose as herein referred to, will not exceed in the aggregate total of \$40,000.00, of which amount it is proposed to be and shall be expended for the purpose of construction, laying and completing an adequate water works system, and,

WHEREAS, it is deemed expedient and for the best interest of this village to be so equipped that it becomes necessary that the said proposition be referred to the qualified electors of the village of Grayling for their approval or disapproval, as may be. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that,

1. A special election of the qualified electors of the Village of Grayling be and is hereby authorized, instructed and directed to issue the necessary notice of such special election in the manner provided by law for the issuing of notices of special elections, and that the same shall be given at least fifteen full days before the holding of such special election, by posting notices of registration and election in the regular polling place and in ten other public places within the village of Grayling, and by publishing a copy of such notice twice prior to such election, which first publication of said notice shall be at least fifteen full days prior to the holding of said special election, in Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and having a general circulation within the Village of Grayling, and which notice shall set forth the purpose and object of the election as fully as they are required to be set forth.

2. That the Village Clerk be and is hereby authorized, instructed and directed to issue the necessary notice of such special election in the regular polling place within the village of Grayling, and by publishing a copy of such notice twice prior to such election, which first publication of said notice shall be at least fifteen full days prior to the holding of said special election, in Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and having a general circulation within the Village of Grayling, and which notice shall set forth the purpose and object of the election as fully as they are required to be set forth.

3. That the Board of Registration for the Village of Grayling be and is hereby authorized and directed to be held in the manner and form, and at the time and place prior to such election as is provided under the law for holding the Board of Registration.

4. That the form of such notice of said election shall be in substantially the following form:

Notice of Special Village Election.

To the Electors of the village of Grayling:

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Grayling, held on the eighth day of December, 1924, as adjourned from the first day of December, 1924, the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLVED, that, the question of the Authorization to the Village Council of the Village of Grayling to create a fund for the express purpose of construction, laying out and completing a new water works system for the village of Grayling, shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the said village of Grayling at a special election to be held on Monday, the day of January, 1925, and a special election is hereby called to be held in the Village of Grayling aforesaid on the day last above mentioned for the taking of such vote. Notice is further that the question will be stated on the ballots to be used at said election as follows:

Shall the Common Council of the village of Grayling be authorized to create a fund for the express purpose of construction, laying out and completing a new water works system for the village of Grayling, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 by taxation to be spread over a period of the next two years, on the taxable property of the village of Grayling.

5. The form to be used at such special election shall be in substantially the following form:

Shall the Common Council of the

village of Grayling be authorized to create a fund for the express purpose of construction, laying out and completing a new water works system for the village of Grayling, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 by taxation to be spread over a period of the next two years, on the taxable property of the village of Grayling.

6. That such notice shall include all the items enumerated above and shall be signed by the Village clerk.

7. That the proper affidavits of the publication and posting of such registration and election notices shall be executed and filed in the office of the Village Clerk.

8. That the canvass of the result of the vote thereon at said election shall be made in accordance with the pro-

9. That the polls of such election shall be open from seven o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon on the day of holding such election.

Moved by Burke supported by McCullough that the resolution be accepted, approved and adopted. Yea and Nay vote called. Yeas, Geo. W. McCullough, D. Hoesli, C. O. McCullough, Frank Sales, Geo. Burke. Nays, none. Absent, M. A. Atkinson.

Moved by Geo. W. McCullough supported by Sales that the Board adjourn. Motion carried.

Chris Jenson,
Village Clerk.

NOTICE.

I will be at my home in Frederic Friday of each week during months of December and January to receive payment of taxes. C. S. BARBER, 12-4-3 Treas. Frederic Township.

THE SUNSHINE MISSION.

The Redeeming Love Sunshine mission wishes to give a hearty invitation to one and all, for the meeting on Sunday the 21st. Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. Prayer meeting on Friday night at 7 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harder. Also a religious program which is to be given on December 25th at 7 p. m. Please remember this, and come and enjoy the great Gift of God which is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOITRE REMOVED.

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